

## **Encryption of Amateur Radio Communications**

I am an emergency ham radio operator employed by a local community hospital.

The option of using encryption would allow me to overcome any hospital objection (real or imagined) when we are sending information that might need to be protected by HIPAA requirements or common sense.

This is one less thing for a frazzled incident commander to worry about – it reduces the “freak-out” factor.

Of course there may be other sensitive data, such as information concerning availability or need of medical supplies, security concerns (crowd control) and personnel safety.

Paul Tuttle  
KD7ISA

member Washington County, Oregon Amateur Radio Emergency Services/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (WashcoARES/RACES)

member Pacific Northwest Hospital Emergency Amateur Radio Team (H.E.A.R.T. net)